

**Meeting of the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses
November 6-7, 2006**

**Monday, November 6: Meeting Held in the Community Center
Dallas VA Medical Center
4500 South Lancaster Road
Dallas, Texas**

[Please Note: The meeting will be held in a different location Tuesday, Nov 7]

**Agenda
Monday, November 6**

8:30 – 9:00	Informal gathering, coffee	
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome, introductory remarks	Jim Binns, Chairman Res Adv Cmte Gulf War Illnesses
9:15 – 9:45	Overview of Gulf War-related research at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Dr. Robert Haley Univ of Texas Southwestern
9:45 – 11:00	Epidemiologic research: National Survey of Gulf War-Era Veterans	Kathleen Considine Vince Iannacchione Research Triangle Institute
11:00 – 11:15	Break	
11:15 – 11:30	Statistical innovations to increase sensitivity of group comparisons in brain imaging: An update	Dr. Jeffrey Spence Dr. Patrick Carmack Univ of Texas Southwestern
11:30 – 12:30	Neuroimaging innovations to detect subtle alterations in brain function	Dr. Richard Briggs Univ of Texas Southwestern
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch	
1:30 – 1:35	Introduction to preclinical studies leading to rational development of treatment	Dr. Robert Haley

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1:35 – 2:00	A rodent model of Gulf War illness: Development and validation	Dr. Christopher Sinton Univ of Texas Southwestern
2:00 – 2:30	Altered signal transduction as a factor in Gulf War illness	Dr. James Bibb Univ of Texas Southwestern
2:30 – 3:00	Organophosphates and the structure and function of the ubiquitin-proteasome	Dr. George DeMartino Dr. Philip Thomas Univ of Texas Southwestern
3:00 – 3:30	A neuronal cell culture model for the study of Gulf War illness	Dr. Ilya Bezprozvanny Univ of Texas Southwestern
3:30 – 3:45	Break	
3:45 – 4:45	Approaches to assessing treatments for Gulf War illnesses: the Southwestern experience	Dr. Robert Haley
4:45 – 5:45	Committee discussion of Gulf War-related research at U.T. Southwestern	
5:45 – 6:15	Public questions/comments on scientific presentations	

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**Tuesday, November 7: Meeting Held at the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Marriott-North
8440 Freeport Parkway
Irving, Texas**

**Agenda
Tuesday, November 7**

8:00 – 8:30	Informal gathering, coffee	
8:30 – 9:30	Update on recently published research relevant to the health of Gulf War veterans	Dr. Lea Steele Res Adv Cmte Gulf War Illnesses
9:30 – 10:30	Report on Gulf War Tissue Repository	Dr. Louis Fiore, VA Boston Dr. Anil Prasad, VA Tuscon
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 11:00	FY2006 Gulf War research expenditures	Dr. Lea Steele
11:00 – 11:30	Update on VA Gulf War research programs	Dr. Joel Kupersmith Dr. Bill Goldberg, VA Office of Research and Development
11:30 – 12:30	Public comments	
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch	
1:30 – 1:45	Overview of Gulf War-related information on the RAC-GWVI website	Laura Palmer Res Adv Cmte Gulf War Illnesses
1:45 – 2:30	Committee business	
2:30	Adjourn	
2:35	Special briefing: The current status of research on Gulf War illnesses	Dr. Lea Steele